

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, During the week of May 16-22, 1988, the National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury has scheduled a local and national campaign to increase public awareness of the high incidence of accidental injury among children; and,

WHEREAS, Each year, approximately one in four children under the age of 15 is involved in accidents or pediatric trauma, thereby making the injuries and traumatic problems caused by accidents the leading killer of children in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Accident prevention and expert pediatric emergency care can significantly reduce needless deaths which occur each year as a result of accidents among children in this country; and,

WHEREAS, The incidence of childhood accidental injury triples during the trauma season, the time when children are released from school for summer vacation and spend a great deal of their recreational hours outdoors; and,

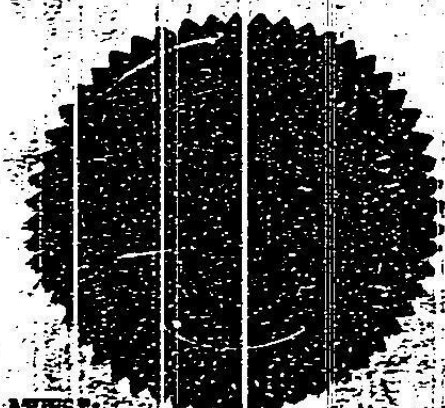
WHEREAS, The sponsors of this campaign believe it is critically important to focus attention on the problem of accidental injury, the increase of such injuries during the trauma season, and the need for preventative measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16 through 22, 1988, as

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in South Dakota, and call upon all the residents of this great state to join with me in supporting the aims, goals, and programs of the National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury, for the benefit of our state's most precious resource—its children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight



ATTEST:

*Joseph W. [Signature]*  
JOSEPH W. [Signature], SECRETARY OF STATE

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GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR